Statement

Year	Demand	Availability	Shortage
1986-87	89,614	61,693	27,921
1987-88	1,10,766	62,330	48,436
1988-89	97,953	62,864	35,039
1989-90	95,869	63,572	32,297
1990-91	96,551	63,692	32,859

Note: The demand is based on the limited number of applications invited for the respective allotment year and therefore does not indicate the total demand.

161. [*Transferred to 28th November, 1991*].

Production of Steel in various units in the country

162. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of Steel in various units of Steel Authority of India Limited, as well as ISPAT Nigam at Visakhapatnam and TISCO;

(b) what is the comparative cost of production thereof in other countries; and

(c) what are the reasons for high cost of production in our country and what steps are being taken to reduce the cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) It would not be in the commercial interest of the Organisations to disclose their cost of production.

(b) No authentic information on the cost of production of steel in other countries is available.

(c) Higher input prices, poor quality of raw material, technological obsolescence coupled with out-dated operational practices and higer incidence of taxes and levies are some of the main reasons for higher cost of produtcion.

Steps like modernisation of plants, improved techno-economics reflecting increased efficiency of production, diversification of product-mix, rationalisation of man power alongwith retrainig and redeployment, reduction in energy consumption and petro-fuels alongwith other expenditure, are being taken to reduce the cost.

गुजरात में डाकघर, तारघर और टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज

163. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) वर्तमान में गुजरात में तारघरों और टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों का जिलेवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि वहां पर डाकघरों और तारघरों की संख्या वहां की वर्तमान जनसंख्या के अनरूप नहीं है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इनकी संख्या बढ़ाने के लिए पिछले दो वर्षों में क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और

(घ) जनसंख्या के अनरूप सुविधाएं बढ़ाने के लिए इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) से (घ) जानकारी एकत्र जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

डाकघर और तारघर :—

टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज :—

गुजरात में इस समय जो टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज हैं, उनका जिले-वार विवरण नीचे दिया गया है ।